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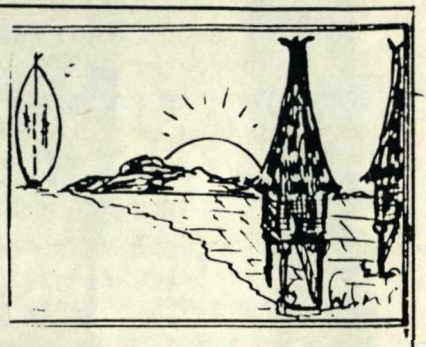

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The TIMORESE AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL (T.A.C.) was formed as a continuation of the Timorese Sub-committee convened by Cabramatta Community Centre (C.C.C.) to prepare the submission for funding for a Grant-In-Aid (GIA) worker and, afterwards, to support the project.

Once the Timorese GIA project began, it was the first priority of the workers to assist the sub-committee to become established as an organisation independent from C.C.C. It was agreed from the begining that such an organisation would be mainly welfare/ community development oriented, since existing groups already covered sport, cultural and social activiyies.

On April 12th 1987, the Timorese Sub-committee called the first public meeting to establish the TIMORESE AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL, during which the first management committee was elected, the constitution approved and the following objectives adopeted:

1) To care for the welfare of the Timorese residing in Sydney, particularly those in urgent needs and isolated, i.e. aged, women, newly arrived and sick;
2) To encourage and facilitate English learning among the Timorese and to improve their technical and professional profile as well as their accesss to services;
3) To maintain the Timorese culture among Timorese children by means of teaching Timorese languages and traditions.

The main achievements of the Timorese Sub-committee (August 86 to March 87) and T.A.C. (from April 87) were:

* the provision of welfare assistance to individuals with dealing with government departments, especially Social

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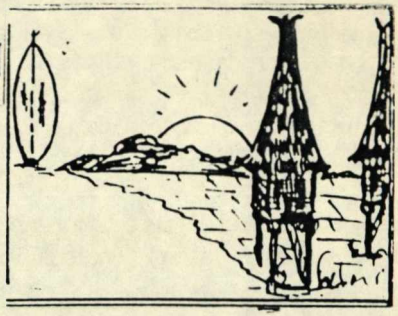

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O "Timorese Australian Council" (T.A.C.) foi derivado do Sub-Comite Timorense que teve o papel de acessor do Cabramatta Community Centre (C.C.C.) na preparacao do requerimento para o subsidio Grant-in-Aid (GIA) que viria a empregar um assistente social para a comunidade Timorense.

Uma vez que se iniciou o Porjeto GIA, foi proporidade dos funcionarios admitidos assistir o Sub-Comite Timorense em tornar-se uma organizacao independente do Cabraatta Community Centre.

Desde o principio concordou-se que tal organizacao teria seus objetivos priomordialmente voltados para a assistencia e desenvolvimento da comunidade Timorense, ja que os grupos existentes dedicavan-se a atividades esportivas culturais e sociais.

O Sub-Comite Timorense chamou uma Assembleia publica para estabelecer o TAC. Durante essa Assembleia elegeu-se o peimeiro corpo diretivo do TAC, aprovou-se o estatuto a adotaran-se os seguintes objetivos:

1) Cuidar do bem-estar dos Timorenses residentes em Sydney, especialmente aqueles em necessiaddes e/ou isolados, tais como, mulheres, recem-chegados e enfermos.
2) Incentivar e facilitar entre os Timorenses a aprendizagem do Ingles e a promocao tecnico-profissional como tambem o ecesso aos servcios oferecidos pelos departamentos governamentais e nao governamentais.
3) Promover a cultura de Timor Leste entre as criancas Timorenses por meio do ensino do portugues e tradicoes Timorenses.

As principais realizacoes do Timorese Sub-Comite (de Agosto 86 a Abril 87) e do T.A.C. (desde Abril 87) foram:

1) A Assistencia individual 10 horas por semana aqueles com dificuldades relacionadas a Seguranca Social, Imigracao, Emprego e Habitacao.

2) A realizacao de um inquerito durante o qual 80 familias foram entrevistadas a fim de se levantar as principais necessiades da comunidade e que tipo de trabalho esperavam dos funcionarios GIA.

Os resultados desse inquerito foram distribuidos entre Departamentos do governo que pouco conhecimento tinham da comuniade tiomorense.

3)Estabelecimento da Escola da Comunidade Timorense onde as criancas aprendem Portugues a tradicoes timorenses.

4)Emprego de uma Interprete Timorense por 9 meses para assitir os individuos durante entrevistas com funcionarios publicos, medicos, ect.

5)Publicacao mensal do boletin do TAC com noticias sobre servicos e atividades de intresse comunitario.

6) Promocao da comunidade Timorense entre os Deparatemntos do governo e outras comunidades etnicas.

O TAC tornou-se oficialmente regsitrado como associacao sob o "Association Incorporation Act" em Setembro 87.

COMO APOIAR O TAC?

Para poder cumprir seus objetivos, TAC precisa o apoio e contribuicao dos membros da comunidades. Os socios do TAC sao os que dao a organizacao direcoes para as atividades e funcionario. Como socio do TAC voce recebera o boletin mensal, podera tambem participar das reunioes mensais do TAC e expressar sua opiniao sobre assuntos que afetam o bem estar da comunidade em Sydney. Podera tambem votar e ser nomeado para o corpo diretivo por ocasiao da Assembleia Geral Anual.

O TAC PRECISA DO SEU APOIO PARA MELHOR REPRSENTAR OS INTRESSES DA COMUNIDADE PERANTE O GOVERNO AUSTRALIANO.

ASSOCIE SE JA AO TAC! ($ 6.00 anualmente ou $0.50 mensais) Preencha o cupon de inscricao abixo, peca a um membro do TAC para endorsa-lo e devolva-o

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CANDIDATURA A SOCIO DO TIMORESE AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL

Eu, ...residente a.....
.....gostaria de candidatar-me a socio do Timorese Australian Council. Em caso de que seja admitido, concordo em cumprir as normas da organizacao segundo o estatuto vigente.

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Security, Immigration, Housing, CES, etc;

* The completion of a survey of the Community needs and expectations about the workers. The results were distributed amongs groups and government departments as little was known about the community;
* The establishment of the Timorese Commnuity School where children can learn Protuguese and Timorese traditions;
* The employment of a Timorese Access Worker who assist individuals as an interpreter during interviews outside the office (9 months project);
* Monyhly issue of T.A.C. Newsltter;
* The improvement of the Timorese Community profile among government departments and othet ethnic groups.

T.A.C. became incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act in September 87.

HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT T.A.C.?
In order to fulfil its objectives, TAC needs the support and input from members of the community and other interested people TAC members are the ones to give directions to the activities and workers.

By being a member of TAC you will receive the monthly newsletter with information on government services and changes in policies; you will be able to attend TAC monthly meetings and express your concerns on issues affecting the WELFARE of the community; you will be able to vote and be nominated to sit on the management committee during the Annual General Meeting.

JOIN TAC NOW BY FILLING UP THE FORM BELOW! Get a TAC member to sign and return to our address.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF TIMORESE AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL

I,.....of.....
name of applicant address and phone
.....hereby apply to become a member of the Timorese Australian Council Incorporated. In the event of admission as a member, I agree to be bound by the rules of the association for the time being in force.

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signature of applicat
date.../...../.....

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